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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Andrea VIRZI et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
Serial No. 10/534,029 : Attorney Docket No. 2005-0690A  
Filed May 6, 2005 :

CONDUIT WITH IMPROVED ELECTRIC  
HEATING ELEMENT AND CLOTHES  
DRYING MACHINE PROVIDED WITH  
SUCH A CONDUIT

[Corresponding to PCT/EP2003/009928  
Filed September 8, 2003]

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the above-referenced application, the Office issued a Notification of Missing Requirements dated January 17, 2006. This Notification indicated that the oath or declaration had not been executed.

However, on January 9, 2006 an executed declaration was submitted along with a suitable Transmittal Letter and the required fee. Copies of these papers are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the postcard receipt evidencing the fact that the Office has received these documents.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the requirements identified in the Notification of Missing Requirements have been complied with. Indication of such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea VIRZI et al.

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
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09/08/2003	11/07/2002

CONFIRMATION NO. 9733

371 FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 01/17/2006

### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/06/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/06/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 05/06/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/06/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/08/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/06/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/06/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/06/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/06/2005
- Specification filed on 05/06/2005
- Claims filed on 05/06/2005
- Abstracts filed on 05/06/2005
- Drawings filed on 05/06/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath

or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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**PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY**

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/534,029	PCT/EP03/09928	2005-0690A

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371

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ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER  
2005-0690AU.S. APPLICATION NO.  
(if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)  
10/534,029International Application No.  
PCT/EP2003/009928International Filing Date  
September 8, 2003Priority Date Claimed  
November 7, 2002

## Title of Invention

CONDUIT WITH IMPROVED ELECTRIC HEATING ELEMENT AND CLOTHES DRYING MACHINE PROVIDED WITH  
SUCH A CONDUITApplicant(s) For DO/EO/US  
Andrea VIRZI et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
9. ☒ An (EXECUTED) oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). **ATTACHMENT D**
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

**ATTACHMENT E**

13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ Other items or information:

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/009928

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15. [X] The following fees are submitted

Basic National Stage Fee ..... \$300.00  
National Stage Search Fee ..... \$500.00  
National Stage Examination Fee ..... \$200.00  
Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages ( units of 50 x \$250.00) = ..... \$

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [X] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

CALCULATIONS

PTO USE ONLY

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\$130.00

Claims

Number Filed

Number Extra

Rate

Total Claims

-20 =

X \$50.00

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Independent Claims

-3 =

X \$200.00

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Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)

+ \$360.00

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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =

\$130.00

[ ] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.

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SUBTOTAL =

\$130.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =

\$

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +

\$40.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =

\$170.00

Amount to be refunded

\$

Amount to be charged

\$

- a. [X] A check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.  
b. [ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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ATTY DOCKET #: 2005-0690A  
OUR REF: 2005-0690A/NEP/00326  
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Date Date:

Filing Date: May 6, 2005

Title: CONDUIT WITH IMPROVED ELECTRIC HEATING ELEMENT AND CLOTHES  
DRYING MACHINE PROVIDED WITH SUCH A CONDUIT

Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371 (National stage application of PCT/EP2003/009928) (in duplicate)
2. Attachments: (D) Executed Declaration; & (E) Recordation Form Cover Sheet w/Assignment
3. Check in the amount of \$170.00



Date January 9, 2006

Attorney NEP/krq

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